



# 12 Reasons to *live, work and play* in North Dakota

1. North Dakota residents and businesses have received over \$1 billion in cuts to personal, corporate and property taxes from the 2007, 2009 and 2011 legislative sessions.  
*North Dakota Tax Commissioner*
2. North Dakota's reserves are expected to top \$2 billion by the end of June 2013.  
*North Dakota Office of Management and Budget*
3. North Dakota has the lowest unemployment rate in the nation: 2.9 percent in June 2012.  
*Bureau of Labor Statistics*
4. North Dakota was named the nation's #2 top growth performer since 2000.  
*U.S. Chamber of Commerce, 2011*
5. North Dakota is ranked #2 in the nation in state competitiveness.  
*Beacon Hill Competitiveness Index, 2011*
6. *Forbes Magazine* has recognized North Dakota as the #4 state for business. *Forbes* ranked Fargo #2 and Bismarck #3 in the 2012 Best Small Places for Business and Careers.
7. North Dakota has the lowest number of foreclosures in the nation.  
*Mortgage Bankers Association, Third Quarter, 2011*
8. North Dakota's exports have increased 440 percent since 2000.  
*U.S. Department of Commerce, 2012*
9. North Dakota ranked #1 in the nation for the highest growth of GDP in 2010 and 2011.  
*Bureau of Economic Analysis, 2012*
10. The 2011 Milken Institute Report on Best Performing Cities named Bismarck as #2 and Fargo as #7 in the nation for smaller cities.
11. North Dakota ranks #1 for Best Jobs Market.  
*Gallup Job Creation Index, 2012*
12. North Dakota is the only state in the nation to report positive economic growth for 2011, with job creation and increased incomes as the key indicators.  
*Bloomberg Economic Evaluation of States Index, 2011*



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